

THE THORNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1954.



Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report  
for 1954.

The health of the community has been satisfactory. A small outbreak of Shiga Sonne dysentery was noted during March, 1955; only nine cases were notified - five occurred in one family.

Some 22 children were immunised against diphtheria and whooping cough, the combined inoculation now being given. Two were immunised against diphtheria only.

This is a 100% improvement on last year, and I think the local doctors should be thanked for this improvement.

The new water supply and sewerage system has worked well.

I am sure it will be to the advantage of the community to have a resident Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

Your obedient Servant,

J.R.F. Popplewell,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Medical Officer of Health	- J.R.F. Popplewell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D. (Obst.) R.C.O.G.
Sanitary Inspector	- T.A.C. March, M.S.I.A., Cert.R.S. (resigned September, 1954.)
Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.	- E.T. Little, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A. (commenced duties 1st Nov. 1954)

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GENERAL STATISTICS.GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area ... 21,796 acres.  
 Population 2,450.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births : Legitimate.	17.	11
Illegitimate.	<u>3.</u>	<u>Nil.</u>
	20.	11.
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Stillbirths :	Nil.	Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks :	Nil.	Nil.
Death from Cancer :	1.	Nil.
Death from Tuberculosis :	1.	Nil.
Deaths from all causes.	7.	6.
<u>Infectious Diseases :</u>		
Tuberculosis :	1.	1.
Scarlet Fever:	4.	2.
Whooping Cough:	3.	3.
Dysentery:	4.	5.

Diphtheria and Whooping  
Cough Immunisation.

Children under 1 year.....	4.
"    of 1 year.....	14.
"    of 2 years.....	1.
"    of 5-9 years.....	4.
"    of 10-14 years.....	1.
Booster doses.....	13.

Laboratory Facilities.Ambulance Facilities.Nursing in the Home.
Inspection and Supervision of Food.  
Clinics.

The facilities of all the above services are  
 the same as last year.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of the district continues to be satisfactory, and as an additional feature to the recent water supply scheme to the rural areas, all non-domestic farm premises are now metered, which results in a closer check being kept on non-domestic consumption.

Three samples of water taken for bacteriological examination were found to be satisfactory.

SEWERAGE.

No new works have been carried out. The existing sewerage system in the village has continued to operate satisfactorily. No report of any nuisance has been received in respect to methods of disposal (septic tanks) in the outlying areas.

HOUSING.

Houses completed during the year :-

Council	Nil.
Private	5.

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